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SUBJ: ASSISTANCE IN CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY

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1. ALTHOUGH DIRECTOR OF CAD INFORMED AS REQUESTED REGARDING CONTENTS OF REFTEL, IT DEVELOPS THAT HE HAD NOT THOROUGHLY BRIEFED OTHER CONCERNED OFFICES IN SZG. FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ACCORDING TO COL. MOHAMMED SULAYMAN AL-ZABIN (HEAD OF AIRPORT SECURITY) ARE:

A. ALTHOUGH CAD INFORMATION IS THAT ONLY THREE STUDENTS ARE NOW IN ENGLISH TRAINING, FOURTH STUDENT ACUTALLY ARRIVED IN U.S. IN DECEMBER. STUDENTS ARE COL. SALMAN SALMI, CAPT. RABAH MUALLA, CAPT. ZUHAIR HASSAN AL-AMRI AND CAPT. QASSIM SAYYADH. THIS MEANS THAT FOUR REPEAT FOUR PLACES SHOULD BE ASSURED IN THE FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER.

B. BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS WITH IPA, COL. AL-ZABIN HAD ORDERED SAUDI MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON TO CANCEL PAYMENT ON THE \$36,000 CHECK ISSUED TO COVER IPA TRAINING. COL. AL-ZABIN IS PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE HIS ATTACH TO PAY FOR THE FLE STUDY. WE HAVE TOLD HIM THAT TOTAL COST IS NOW \$9600 FOR FOUR STUDENTS. SHOULD COST OF FAA SECURITY COURSE ALSO BE PRESENTED TO HIM FOR SEPARATE REIMBURSEMENT? PLEASE ADVISE. WE RECOMMEND FAA OR AID/SER/IT

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ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH SAUDI EMBASSY ON THIS MATTER SOME-

TIME DURING THE COMING WEEK.

C. IT WILL BE FAR EASIER TO COLLECT BIO DATA OF CANDIDATES IN WASHINGTON RATHER THAN WAIT THE MORE THAN ONE-MONTH PERIOD WHICH AIR POUCH ALWAYS TAKES FROM JIDDA TO WASHINGTON. (WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE THE SAUDIS TO COME UP WITH THIS INFO HERE.)

2. COL. AL-ZABIN HAS NO RESERVATIONS ABOUT NEW COURSE. HE BELIEVES IT WILL BE FINE FOR HIS NEEDS. EMBASSY, HOWEVER, IS CONCERNED BY APPARENT LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN FAA AND AID ON THIS MATTER (WHICH APPARENTLY APPROACHES FAILURE OF CAD TO NOTIFY SAUDI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HERE). WE HOPE THIS PROGRAM CAN BE KEPT ON THE TRACK FOR THE FOUR-MEMBER TEAM.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY IF COST ESTIMATE WAS CORRECT. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH SAUDI MILITARY ATTACHE IN CASE FURTHER FOLLOW-UP IS REQUIRED HERE.
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